

Valley of Fire State Park

Spring Interpretative Schedule

February 2012

Petroglyph Puzzle

Saturday Feb. 18th, 2012 10:30am- 11am, and 2pm-2:30pm

Where: Visitor Center

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Guided Petroglyph Tour

Saturday February 18, 2012 11am to 11:30am, 12:30pm- 1pm and 2:30pm to 3pm

Where: Mouse's Tank Picnic Area

Description: Learn about the petroglyphs found in this area as a park staff member takes you on a short walk to hidden panels of petroglyphs.



Mouse's Tank Guided Hike

Sunday Feb. 19, 2012 10:30am to 11:30pm and 2pm to 3pm

Where: Meet the Ranger at Mouse's Tank Trail Head

Description: Discover the many petroglyphs down Petroglyph Canyon, as a Park Ranger leads you to the most famous water tanks in the park.

This is a ¾ mile hike through sand but is very easy. Come join us and make sure to bring appropriate footwear, sun block, and plenty of water.



Finding Rock Art

Sunday February 19, 2012 10am-10:30am, 12pm-12:30pm, and 1pm-1:30pm

Where: Visitor Center

Description: Petroglyphs are found all around the world, including Valley of Fire State Park. Learn how to look, where to look, and what to look for on your hunt for petroglyphs.

White Domes Guided Hike

Saturday February 25, 2012 from 10am- 11am and 2pm-3pm

Where: White Domes Trail Head

Description: Hike the 1.25 mile loop with a Park Ranger. You'll enjoy the remnants of an old movie set, slot canyon, and plant identification. Please bring appropriate footwear, sunscreen, sunglasses and water.



Rock Art of the Mojave Desert

Saturday February 25, 2012 10:30am-11am, 12:30pm-1pm and 1:30pm-2pm

Where: Visitor Center

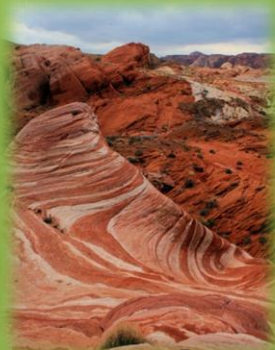
Description: Come join one of our park volunteers to learn the what, who, when, where, why and how of Mojave Desert Rock Art.



Who or What is Kokopelli?

Sunday February 26, 2012 10am-11am, 12:30pm-1:30pm, 2pm-3pm

Description: Who or what is Kokopelli, join a park volunteer to find out what this North American figure is.



Fire Wave Guided Hike

Sunday February 26, 2012 11am-12pm and 2pm-3pm

Where: Parking Lot #3 on The White Dome RD

Description: Join a Ranger on a Guided Hike to the World Famous Fire Wave. Along the way learn about all the flora and fauna, wildlife, and geology the area has to offer. Please bring appropriate footwear, sunscreen, sunglasses and water.

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Leave No Trace Trainers Course

Saturday March 3, 2012 8:00am to Sunday March 4, 2012 5pm
Where: Valley of Fire State Park

Description: This program promotes skills and ethics to support the sustainable use of wild lands and natural areas. This is a two day course with one night of camping. After completing this course you will become a Leave No Trace Trainer and will receive a certificated from the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics in Boulder, CO. For more information please call Valley of Fire 702-397-2088. There is a max 15 and min 5 participants, reservations must be made no later than February 26, 2012.



Atlatl Demonstration

Saturday March 10, 2012 11am - 12:30pm

Where: Atlatl Rock Picnic Area
Description: Drop by Atlatl Rock to learn about the ancient tool the Atlatl, which predates the bow and arrow. The Atlatl was commonly used by natives of the area while hunting bighorn sheep at Valley of Fire. Get a chance to throw an Atlatl and test your hunting skills.



"Dino's of the Valley of Fire"

Saturday March 17, 2012 11am-12pm, 12:30pm-1:30pm, and 2pm-3pm
Where: Visitor Center

Description: Discover the many types of Dinosaurs that used to roam Valley of Fire with guest speaker Cap 'N Dave.



Arrowhead Trail Guided Hike

When: Saturday March 24, 2012 11am - 12pm
Where: East Entrance Parking lot

Description: Hike with a Ranger around the Arrowhead Loop and end up at elephant rock. Along the way learn all about the geology and history of the area.. Please bring a camera, appropriate footwear, sun screen, sunglasses and water.

21st Annual World Atlatl Association 3D Target Contest

March 31, 2012 9am- 3pm
Where: Atlatl Picnic Area

Description: Join people from around the world as they compete to be the best Atlatl Competitor. Registration starts at 8am. Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd places in the women's, men's, children's divisions. Some Atlatl will be available to share.

Atlatl Endurance Challenge

When: Sunday April 1, 2012 8am-12pm

Description: Join competitors from around the world to test your endurance in pursuing your prey. Competitors will run a 1mile fun run, 5k (3.1 miles), or a Half Marathon (13 miles) trail route, and end with a precision shoot out, to test their skills in the ancient hunting tactics. Medals will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in all three distances. Min. 5 participants in each distance. Participants must sign up by calling 702-397-2088 or e-mailing vofranger2@mvdsl.com no later than 4:30pm March 21, 2012.



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Guided Petrified Forest Tour

Saturday March 17, 2012 11:30am to 12:00am, 1pm-1:30pm and 2:30pm to 3pm
Where: West Petrified Logs parking area
Description: Join park staff to explore the fenced off area behind the petrified logs area. While exploring this undisturbed area you will learn about the different plant life, geology, and the petrification process.



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Rainbow Vista Hike

Sunday March 11, 2012 10:30 am-11:30am and 2pm-3pm
Where: Rainbow Vista Trail Head

Description: Hike with a Ranger down to the Fire Canyon Overlook. Along the way learn about the geology, plants and animals of Valley of Fire. In addition to the flora and fauna, this area offers beautiful scenery for the photographer. Please bring a camera, appropriate footwear, sun screen, sunglasses and water.



Desert Bighorn Sheep Program

Sunday March 18, 2012 10am-10:30am and 2pm-2:30pm
Where: Visitor Center

Description: Meet with a Park Ranger and learn breeding and eating habits, range, what to look for in the wild and track identification, also identify the difficulties the bighorn sheep face surviving in the desert.

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Sunday March 25 & Friday March 30, 2012 11am - 12:30pm
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Ancient Arts and Weapons Kids Activities

March 31, 2012 12pm-2pm
Where: Atlatl Picnic Area

Description: Join Park Staff for fun crafts, learn how to throw with an Atlatl, create your own petroglyph, and many more fun activities.

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Full Moon Walk

Friday April 6, 2012 7pm-8pm

Where: Meet at Atlatl Campground Site 31
Description: Join a Park Ranger to explore the Atlatl Rock Picnic Area, look for scorpions and find some petroglyphs, and tanks. Please wear appropriate footwear, bring enough water.



Desert Blooms

Saturday April 7, 2012 10:30-11:30am and 2:30-3:30pm

Where: Visitor Center

Description: Enjoy a power point slide program featuring Valley of Fire vegetation. We'll identify the beautiful plants in bloom, and caravan with Park Ranger to find some of the gorgeous blooms.



Ancient Arts and Kids Activities

Saturday April 7 & Sunday April 8, 2012 11am-1pm

Where: Atlatl Picnic Area

Description: Join Park Staff for fun crafts, learn how to throw with an Atlatl, create your own petroglyph, and many more fun activities.



Easter Hop

Sunday April 8, 2012 8:30am- 12:30pm

Where: Atlatl Rock Campground, Arch Rock Campground, Group Use, Atlatl Picnic Area, Seven Sisters, Cabins, and the Visitor Center
Description: Meet the Easter Bunny as he hops around the park to hand out Easter treats, you might even be able to snag a picture with this furry friend.



Clark County Fair

Thursday April 12 to Sunday April 15, 2012

Where: Clark County Fairground, Logandale NV



Description: Visit us at the Clark County Fair. Park Rangers from All of Southern Nevada's State Parks will be on hand to answer questions about all Nevada's wonderful State Parks. See <http://www.ccfair.com/> for more information.



What Jurassic Park Got Wrong

Saturday April 21, 2012 from 11:00am-12:00pm, 12:30pm to 1:30pm and 2:00pm-3:00pm

Where: Visitor Center

Description: Investigate big screen dinosaur inconsistencies with our guest speaker, Cap'n Dave. This program will be fun and informative for all ages



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Sunday April 22, 2012 10:30-11:30am and 2:30-3:30pm

Where: Visitor Center

Description: Enjoy a power point slide program featuring Valley of Fire vegetation. We'll identify the beautiful plants in bloom, and caravan with Park Ranger to find some of the gorgeous blooms.



3rd Annual Valley of Fire Car Show

Saturday April 21, 2012 from 10am-3pm—awards presented at 2pm

Where: Visitor Center lower parking lot shuttle service provided from event parking area.

Description: Join us at Valley of Fire State Park for our 2nd Annual Classic Car Show. Open to pre-1985 Classic Vehicles. Music, food and a history display will complement the classic cars. Trophies and Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in Crowd Pleasers, Participant's Choice, and Boy Scouts Choice.



Petroglyph Puzzle

Saturday April 28, 2012 10:30am- 11am, and 2pm-2:30pm

Where: Visitor Center

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